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DECISION ON PETITION TO
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR
§1.181

This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, under 37 CFR §1.181, filed on January 14, 2005.

The instant application became abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action mailed December 4, 2003. A grantable petition must include a copy of the response and proof of timely filing of the response. A USPTO Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission receipt with an indication of the documents filed therewith is acceptable. No fee is required.

Petitioner has provided evidence in the petition that includes: a copy of the response and cover sheet; a request (and fee) for a three months extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a); a USPTO Auto-Reply Fax Transmission receipt identifying the response and which includes a USPTO receipt date of June 1, 2004.

Since all of the criteria set forth above have been met, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner with instructions to <u>WITHDRAW</u> the holding of abandonment (restore the instant application to pending status), to enter both the response (copy filed January 14, 2005) as well as the request for extension of time (three-months, \$475 charged to deposit account 19-2560). The application will then be forwarded to the examiner for prompt action on the merits.

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